

RetroActive “Youth Group for Adults”

Our launch date for RetroActive, a gathering for adults aged 50 plus, is April 10. We’ll have coffee, tea, light refreshments, music, and discussions of topics relevant to growing older in today’s challenging culture. Find out what can happen when seniors “talk it over.” It’s a refreshing break so join us April 10, 9:30 a.m., at Sunset Hills!

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Sunset Hills Church April 2024 Newsletter

It’s the season of Resurrection Day and its aftermath. Upon the resurrection of Jesus, if but for a moment the universe seemed knocked back into a better sense of reality. Powers and principalities joined slaves and rulers, tax collectors and fishermen, rabbis and Romans with their own versions of how an unexpected (or even long-expected) brush with the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had left them – well, *different*.

By and large, Jesus had left each one breathless. Who else had been so relentless in seeking and saving those who found themselves on the fringes of “proper” society (whatever that meant)? Who else was restoring those who were normally ignored? Who else said he was doing the work of the Father, and this Father loved them beyond reason or rationale, so they should expect Him to provide what they needed to take the next step into a greater, deeper journey that would define life itself?

Is this what God’s work looks like? Is he calling us into adventure rather than sitting in the corner for breaking the classroom code? How does that happen?

What is the exact representation of the invisible God?

In Colossians 1:15, Paul reminds us that Jesus Christ is “the image of the invisible God.” Again, “For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily” (Col. 2:9). It is “in the face of Jesus Christ” that we can know God (2 Cor. 4:6).

In other words, when they looked (or when we look) at Jesus they were (or we are) looking at God. We’re looking at the invitation to know the heart and mind of Christ. No longer is it a

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matter being kept out of the things of God because we can't keep current with the decorum. Now it is a matter of knowing God in a connected relationship with Jesus Christ, and nothing less.

And that, friends, is why we celebrate the very heart of God and its fallout as Resurrection Day rolls around every year. We want to know Him more. He counts us as being no longer slaves – but friends.

Let's learn how that friendship can unpack in love for God and our neighbors like never before.

Steve Wamberg

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

April 7	Find the Right Lens	<i>1 Corinthians 1:17 - 2:11</i>
April 14	Recalibrate and Reform	<i>Psalms 91, 103</i>
April 21	An Awesome Power - Rev. Rick Wheatley	<i>John 20:19-31</i>
April 28	The Hubris of Hoarding	<i>Luke 18:18-30</i>

Prayers for Health, Healing, and Strength

Michael Thompson	Barrientos family	Sarah Minarick	
Kathy Koppenhaver	Bob	Joey Pelster	Cindy Combs family
Jackie Ramey	Nickie	Hugo	Jill Gilliland's aunt
Lala Barrientos	Roberta Williston	Dave	Cheryl & Carol's Mother
Cheryl Arnold	Matt Phillips	Anji	Darby & Carol Von Forell
Diana LaCroix	Deanne Caughey	Antonittie Johnson	Friend of Lala Barrientos
Bob Molby	Patty Martin	Phyllis Meyer	Nancy Berney
Rev. Rick Wheatley	Norma Larsen	Jack & Carol Welch	Mark & Ruth Steele
Barb Ganey	Glenn Kilpatrick	Dan & Marge Todd	Nancy Quinnette

On-going prayers of well-being for shut-ins and military personnel.

For regular prayer requests, please text or call and leave a message for Dot North at 402-658-6401, emails may not be seen in a timely manner. She will confirm that your request was received and it will be sent out to the prayer chain. Your prayers are very important.

Pastor Staff Relations Update

We are the Church! Let us encourage and support one another. Your Pastor/Staff Relations is available to hear the congregation's and staff's comments. Feel free to reach out to myself, Nancy Berney, Denise Vanosdall, Linda Wheatley or Ron Reed.

Blessings,

Gary Peterson

Camp Work Days April 18, 19, 20

April 19, 20, 21 Scrapbookers Retreat

Help us get camp ready for summer! Enjoy the outdoors of camp and fellowship with others as we prepare for summer camp. Many hands make less work for all. Meals and lodging available.



Contact Bev to sign up
bevpacas@gmail.com or 402-443-6663

Sunday, April 28 Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck

Please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Vision Statement

Communicate the love of God so all may experience the joy of a relationship with Christ.

Mission Statement

Build disciples by empowering each church participant to practice personal and congregational mission to reach people in our everyday lives.

Date	Attendance	Giving
March 3	61	\$5,583.14
March 10	61	\$3,349.82
March 17	50	\$2,783.00
March 24	63	\$1,488.82
March 31	TBD	TBD

SHBC Financial Scoreboard

February Income	\$13,587
YTD Income	\$26,724
February Expenses	\$23,822
YTD Expenses	\$39,328

Stewardship Ministry Team Update for April

We have had visionary input from everyone on the team who was able to attend our reorganization meetings since last November.

Our team has begun to encourage others in our congregation to volunteer to serve God with us in subcategory leadership roles, or to help with listed tasks on the displayed organizational chart. While reorganizing the ministry, we have focused on the purpose of dividing up responsibilities so each volunteer will have a reasonable load and time commitment. During our February 14 team meeting I was asked if I would continue as the Stewardship Ministry Leader to which I recommitted, and I will work closely with the new **Facilities Leader** (yet to be named) and the **Grounds Leader** - Marvin Vanosdall, as well as with the future **Events Leader** and **History Leader**.

Many thanks to Traci Gilmer for coordinating volunteers to help meet the needs of the Prairie Pastors Conference, as well, for the volunteers who served.

All serving together as one will get God's work done.

Ron Reed

- 3 Casey Weber
- 8 Riley Ann Rhedin
- 8 Kaylee Rich
- 11 Amber Dale
- 20 Linda Hedrick
- 28 Telly Woods
- 29 Jessica Mikkelsen



Bible Study
Join Rev. Steve on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for Bible Study. All are welcome.



Monthly Prayer Meeting
Monday, April 1
6:00 p.m.
Theme ~ *No Fooling*
Led by Dot North

- 4 Steve & Cindy Combs 43 years
- 6 Jim & Linda Hedrick 50 years
- 21 Rev. Jason & Diane Workman 12 years

Happy Anniversary!

Women Mentoring Women
April 8 and 22
6:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Family Gathering
Friday, April 5
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



VBS June 8
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Keep watching for upcoming details.



Men's Study Group Update for April - Ron Reed

We welcomed Judah Anaya to the group in February. His participation in the discussions of our current study, *What Would Jesus Ask? How To Use The Jesus Method* by the late Dr. Paul Welter has been appreciated. We have room for others, including women, to join us during our Zoom meeting on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30. We need your email address so we can send you the Zoom link each Tuesday. Please see Ron Reed for a copy of the book.

Spring Clean Up Day
Please join us on Saturday morning, April 27 at 9:00 a.m. as we meet to do spring cleaning on the church grounds and in the building. Many hands are needed.

Adult Sunday School Update for April - Ron Reed

Dot North has been leading *The Chosen* presentations and following open discussions. The class has voted to continue with this biblically-based study. We would love to have you come and learn with us in the lower-level, doubles classroom from 9:00 to 10:00 on Sunday mornings.

Study of the Book of James
Tuesday evenings
6:00 - 7:00
Led by Pastor Jason

**Sunset Hills Baptist Church
Ministry Council Minutes
March 25, 2024**

Attendees: Rev. Steve Wamberg; Music/Worship & Security/Safety, Rev. Jason Workman; Moderator, Diane Workman; Pastor/Staff Relations, Gary Peterson; Treasurer, Doug Larsen; Church Clerk, Becki Pike; Shepherding, Amber Dale; Stewardship, vacant, Ron Reed interim; Financial, Terri Rich; Missions/Outreach, Terry Anderson; Visitors, Jess and Steve Mikkelsen, Bob Molby, Marvin Vanosdall

Devotion and prayer – Rev. Wamberg

Monthly Treasurer’s Report – Doug Larsen

- Provide itemized budget report for each ministry. Telly is getting close to having Power-Church up and running so reports can go out electronically. A motion was made and approved to have Terri Rich added as a signer.

Business

Financial – Terri Rich - No update

Safety and Security – Rev. Jason Workman

- Security role play - Working on a date and time to have the congregation help the security team with a roll-play exercise.
- Lighting Grant - Jason is trying to get a grant that will help fund upgrades to lighting and the security system, etc.

Music and Worship – Rev. Jason Workman

- Working on plans for Mother’s Day on May 12

Pastor/Staff Relations – Gary Peterson

- Wanting to do a survey for congregation and staff to fill out.

Shepherding – Amber Dale

- Amber met with Dot North, Rev. Steve, and Annie Wamberg to brainstorm ideas to help the shut-ins.
- In need of more nursery workers on Sundays during the service.
- Checking with a couple of members to see if they need meals delivered.

Missions/Outreach – Terry Anderson

- Promotion of VBS, activities coming up.
- Sign by street needs cleaned and updated to promote VBS.
- May 15th Sunset Hills will be a polling place.
- Spring cleaning is planned for April 27th.
- Reading at Pine Elementary went very well and we are also providing food for the teachers for conferences.

Prayer – Dot North - No update

Stewardship – Vacant (Ron Reed interim)

- Stewardship organizational chart - Stewardship has been working hard to reorganize the ministry. A chart has been made to show updates and openings that are available and needing to be filled.

- Trees and erosion concerns - Jason has looked at the trees leaning by Pacific Street, and he doesn’t think they need to come down yet, but there are woodchucks that have made a home in the ground.
- Moving forward on getting bids for restriping parking lot.

Ministry Council

- Future pastor conference - A meeting will be held to see what's working and what can be improved.
- The quarterly Business meeting and potluck is scheduled for April 28th. Becki Pike will be making a sign-up sheet for food.
- Update yearly agenda as needed (dates, times, etc. for Sunset Hills activities.)
- April, May, June Council/Ministry preparations

Discipleship – Vacant

- VBS – The theme is Fruits of the Spirit and will be held on June 8 from 10:00 – 2:00 for ages 4-10.
- Graduates: Looking at dates to acknowledge graduates. (1 High School, 1 College)

Prayer – Rev. Jason Workman

Next Meeting – April 15, 2024

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Missions and Outreach Ministry -- Terry Anderson

Opportunities abound for missions and outreach at Sunset Hills. We continue to look for missions work, locally and beyond. We would like to align with a missionary to support. That person attended the Prairie Pastors Conference and ministry members Rev. Rick Wheatley and Annie Wamberg were briefed on his activities.

With approval of our church as a polling place, we will be the focus for the May 14 primary election of voters in the precinct bounded by 84th and 96th Streets, West Dodge Road and Pacific Street. As a poll worker, I have requested to be placed at our site, which will help with knowing where things are, unlocking and locking, and coordinating anything the church needs to prepare. Voting booths will be delivered as much as a month in advance and will remain in the church through the general election in November. We will work with our Safety and Security Ministry. There are strict rules for activities at polling places, as directed by the Douglas County Election Commission.

As Vacation Bible School approaches, we will promote in the neighborhood and on social and traditional media.

Response for a group outing for a Storm Chasers baseball game was minimal, but we'll keep that possibility alive.